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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/819,091  
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Applicants: Yongwei CAO *et al.*  
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Sir:

The following document is forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. a Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2006.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.124.

Respectfully submitted,



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